

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9 and 11 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 8 and 9 being independent.

As will be appreciated, previously presented Claims 1 and 3 through 9 were allowed. Claim 1 has been broadened by this Amendment to set forth that 90% or more of the mesopores pass through the framework in a direction “intersecting” a longitudinal direction of the framework. Support for the amendments to Claim 1 can be found, for example, in Figures 1B and 1C and the accompanying disclosure on page 9, lines 4 through 6, of the specification.

Regardless of the claim changes, it is submitted that Claim 1 remains allowable over the Iyer ‘480 patent. For example, it is respectfully submitted that although Iyer relates to a mesoporous silica structure and discloses such as being an ordered cubic array of interconnected pores (Col. 5, lines 48-50), the structure Iyer is not a dendritic framework as set forth in Claim 1 of Applicants’ invention. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that Iyer does not teach or suggest Applicants’ invention as set forth in Claim 1.

Independent Claims 7, 8 and 9 are presented as previously allowed. In addition, Claim 11 has been added to provide an additional scope of protection along the lines of previously-allowed Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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